

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

January 28, 2008  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL and COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Renton Heart Month -  
February 2008

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring February, 2008, to be "Renton Heart Month" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to participate in this important community risk reduction campaign. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED. Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator Daniels accepted the proclamation.

Soroptimist International of  
Renton Day - 1/29/2008

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring January 29, 2008, to be "Soroptimist International of Renton Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance as the organization is celebrating 60 years of service to the Renton community. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED. Soroptimist International of Renton board members Maridy Roper and Barbara Downs, and life member Toni Nelson accepted the proclamation with appreciation.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

King County: Update,  
Councilmember Reagan Dunn

King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, District 9, gave an update on his efforts on the King County Council. He stated that he will continue to fight for I-405 and SR-167 improvements on a regional level, and he reviewed his work on the Transparency in Taxation measure, Initiative 25, King County elections facility siting in Renton, Pratt River Valley Wilderness area preservation, DDES (King County permitting agency) reform, EMS levy, flood control, and Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park community retention.

Councilmember Dunn said he will continue to work on regional transportation improvements, improving capacity on Maple Valley Hwy., meth (methamphetamine) and landlord/tenant reform, DDES reform, King County government reform and fiscal responsibility, removal of dry docks located in Lake Washington near Renton, Renton Transit Center safety, and annexations. Councilmembers thanked Mr. Dunn for his work on retaining the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park and his interest in the Renton community.

**NOMINATIONS FOR  
VACANT CITY COUNCIL  
POSITION #2**

Mayor Law explained that eleven individuals applied for Council Position No. 2, vacated by Dan Clawson. Candidate interviews were conducted during a special Committee of the Whole meeting on January 22. The Mayor reviewed the selection process, noting that after the candidates are nominated, Councilmembers will ballot until a candidate receives a majority of four votes.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL OPEN  
NOMINATIONS FOR THE VACANT COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2.  
CARRIED.

The following candidates were nominated: PALMER - Rich Zwicker.  
CORMAN - pass. TAYLOR - Rich Zwicker. PARKER - Kimberly Unti.  
PERSSON - Larry Sleeth.

There being no further nominations, it was MOVED BY PALMER,  
SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.  
CARRIED.

Each councilmember explained why he or she nominated or supported a particular candidate.

**BALLOTS:**

1. PALMER - Rich Zwicker. CORMAN - Rich Zwicker. TAYLOR - Rich Zwicker. PARKER - Kimberly Unti. PERSSON - Larry Sleeth. Votes: 3 Zwicker, 1 Kimberly Unti, 1 Larry Sleeth.
2. PALMER - Rich Zwicker. CORMAN - Kimberly Unti. TAYLOR - Rich Zwicker. PARKER - Kimberly Unti. PERSSON - Larry Sleeth. Votes: 2 Rich Zwicker, 2 Kimberly Unti, 1 Larry Sleeth.
3. PALMER - Rich Zwicker. CORMAN - Rich Zwicker. TAYLOR - Rich Zwicker. PARKER - Rich Zwicker. PERSSON - Rich Zwicker. Votes: 5 Rich Zwicker.

Having received a majority of the votes, Rich Zwicker was appointed to the vacant City Council position. Mayor Law announced that Mr. Zwicker will be sworn in at the next regular Council meeting on February 4.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked all of the candidates for applying, and encouraged them to continue to serve the Renton community.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Annexation: Liberty, 156th  
Ave SE & SE 144th St

Prior to opening the public hearing, Mayor Law wished Senior Planner Don Erickson good luck in his retirement starting January 31, and thanked him for his 21 years of service to the City.

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Liberty Annexation; 192.9 acres, including the abutting street right-of-way, located east of 152nd Ave. SE, west of Liberty High School, north of SE 144th St., and south of SE 133rd St.

Mr. Erickson stated that 269 single-family detached dwellings are in or planned for this relatively flat site. He noted that the City is aware of the site's surface water drainage issues and will use its highest drainage standards for any future development. Mr. Erickson indicated that public services are currently provided by Fire District #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer, and the Issaquah and Renton school districts.

Mr. Erickson reported that current King County zoning is R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre). Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Low Density, which was rezoned R-4 (four dwelling units per net acre) in 2007. Turning to the fiscal impact analysis, he estimated a surplus of \$35,569 at current development and a surplus of \$22,037 at full development. The one-time parks development cost is estimated at \$287,279. In conclusion, Mr. Erickson stated that the annexation proposal is consistent with relevant City annexation policies and Boundary Review Board objectives.

Public comment was invited.

Arthur Campbell (King County) spoke in favor of the annexation. He requested adjustment of the boundary so that SE 144th St. extends the entire length of the southern side, and incorporation of his neighborhood, located south of Maplewood Heights Park, into the annexation. Mr. Campbell pointed out that clearer boundary lines will benefit the City.

Responding to Mayor Law's inquiry, Mr. Erickson indicated that at this stage of the process, the boundary cannot be adjusted. Mr. Law asked that staff discuss annexation options with Mr. Campbell.

John Ching (King County) stated that due to retention ponds located along 160th Ave. SE, he has noticed a substantial increase in surface water runoff that originates from the ponds and flows directly into his backyard. Indicating that that King County is working on minimizing the flow of surface water to his property, Mr. Ching asked that the City continue to work on this problem should the area be annexed.

Don Gragg (King County) expressed concern regarding the increase in surface water runoff due to new development, saying that the matter should be resolved prior to annexation taking place.

Fred Jaques (King County) requested that the northern boundary be extended to SE 128th St. He submitted the signatures of six parties who want to be included in the annexation.

Robert Wilmot (King County) voiced concern regarding the irregularity of the annexation area's boundaries, and asked that the annexation be reconsidered at a later time.

Charles Jackson (King County), stating that he represents the board of directors for the homeowners association for the new Evendell subdivision, indicated that the residents lack information about the annexation as the developer of the subdivision signed the annexation petition. He expressed concern regarding the effect of the irregular boundaries on the provision of police services.

Mr. Erickson explained that the covenants to annex run with the land, and the property buyer accepts the covenants by purchasing the property. He reviewed the advantages of being a Renton resident.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 60% DIRECT PETITION FOR THE LIBERTY ANNEXATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT THE NOTICE OF INTENT PACKAGE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD. CARRIED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report. Items noted included:

- \* Map Your Neighborhood Facilitator Training on January 30 at Renton Technical College will train residents to organize meetings with their neighbors to define resources and needs they may have during a disaster.
- \* The Renton Community Organizations Active in Disaster meeting will be held on January 31 at Renton Technical College.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
1/14/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 1/14/2008. Council concur.

Committee of the Whole  
Special Meeting Minutes of  
1/22/2008

Approval of Committee of the Whole special meeting minutes of 1/22/2008. Council concur.

Appointment: Planning  
Commission

Mayor Law reappointed Yong Lee to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring 1/31/2011. Council concur.

City Clerk: Quarterly Contract  
List, 10/1/2007 to 12/31/2007

City Clerk submitted quarterly contract list for period of 10/1/2007 to 12/31/2007, and expiration report for contracts expiring between 1/1/2008 and 6/30/2008. Information.

Court Case: Patrick J Gress,  
CRT-08-001

Court Case filed by Patrick J. Gress regarding seizure of personal property by the Renton Police Department on 3/23/2006. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

CAG: 06-008, Activity  
Buildings ADA Upgrades,  
Regency NW Construction

Community Services Department submitted CAG-06-008, Activity Buildings ADA Upgrades; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$137,258.71, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$15,737.58 to Regency NW Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 07-102, Downtown  
Wayfinding System, Sea  
Reach Ltd

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of Addendum No. 2 to CAG-07-102, contract with Sea Reach Ltd. for developing a Downtown Wayfinding System, to extend the term through 3/1/2008. Council concur.

Budget: 2008 Amendments

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of the 2008 Budget amendment ordinance, which amends 2008 Budget expenditures by \$12,169,435. Council concur. (See page 28 for ordinance.)

Vacation: Whitworth Ave S,  
TEAM Properties, VAC-07-  
002

Technical Services Division reported receipt of appraisal performed for the vacation of a portion of Whitworth Ave. S., south of S. 4th St., and requested Council accept the appraisal and set compensation at \$9,500 for the right-of-way (VAC-07-002; petitioner TEAM Properties, LLC). Council concur.

Transportation: FlexPass  
Program, King County &  
Sound Transit & Pierce Transit

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with King County, Sound Transit, and Pierce Transit to continue the FlexPass Commute Trip Reduction Program for City employees in the amount of \$34,980 for 2008-2009. Council concur.

Utility: 2008 Long Range  
Wastewater Management Plan,  
Carollo Engineers

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$33,829 with Carollo Engineers for services related to the development of the 2008 Long Range Wastewater Management Plan. Council concur.

Utility: 2008 Wastewater  
Capital Improvement Program  
Funding Adjustments

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an adjustment to the 2008 Wastewater Capital Improvement Program to fund the Denny's Lift Station Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$400,000 and the White Fence Ranch Sanitary Sewer Extension Project in the amount of \$1,100,000. Approval was also sought to reduce the Stonegate II Lift Station Project funding by \$1,500,000 to accommodate the needed funding for the two new projects. Council concur.

Utility: WashWise Rebate  
Program, Portland Energy  
Conservation

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$30,910 with Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. for implementation of the 2008 WashWise rebate program in Renton. Council concur.

Streets: Houser Way S et al  
Closures, BNSF RR Crossing  
Improvements

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of closure of Houser Way S. between Main and Burnett Avenues S., along with Wells Ave. S., Williams Ave. S., Burnett Ave. S. and S. 4th St. intersections at the BNSF railroad crossing for replacement of railroad tracks. Closure dates vary from January 28 to February 15. Council concur. (See page 28 for resolution.)

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Committee of the Whole**

Fire: King County Fire District  
#40 Interlocal, Additional  
Employees, 2008 Budget  
Amend

Council President Palmer presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the agreement for fire and emergency services and joint operation of facilities with King County Fire District #40. The Committee recommended that the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement be presented for reading and adoption, and that the ordinance amending the 2008 Budget be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page for 28 resolution and ordinance.)

### **Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

Transportation: Truck Route  
Designation, Houser Way  
Bypass & N 8th St & Logan  
Ave N

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding changes to City Code 10-12-26 for truck route expansion. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the ordinance designating Houser Way Bypass (Houser Way N. from Sunset Blvd. N. to N. 8th St.); N. 8th St. (Houser Way N. to Logan Ave. N.); and Logan Ave. N. (N. 6th St. to Park Ave. N.), as official truck routes.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 28 for ordinance.)

### **Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 268246 - 268638 and three wire transfers totaling \$4,305,726.93; and approval of 163 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 680 direct deposits totaling \$2,329,047.06. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CAG: 07-189, Burnett Linear  
Park Phase II, Evergreen  
Landscape & Construction

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the Burnett Linear Park Phase II project bid award. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the bid, including two additive alternates, to Evergreen Landscape & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$228,363.30 to remove and replace cracked and heaved sidewalks, and to install new irrigation and landscape. The Committee also recommended the following:

- Authorization for \$75,000 from the Transportation Division (317.012194.016.5950.0000.67.000006).
- Authorization for \$50,708 and \$12,000 from cost savings from completed 2007 projects 316.000000.020.5940.0076.63.020065 and 316.000000.020.5940.0076.63.000001 respectively. Funds to be carried forward in future budget amendment.
- Utilization of \$75,000 from the Custer Fund.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.\*

Councilmember Persson explained that the Renton Community Foundation Custer Fund is money that was left to the City for parks projects by Charles L. Custer.

\*MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

## RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

### **Resolution #3927**

Streets: Houser Way S et al  
Closures, BNSF RR Crossing  
Improvements

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary street closures of Houser Way S. (between Main Ave. S. and Williams Ave. S.; and between Wells Ave. S. and Burnett Ave. S.), Wells Ave. S. (at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company tracks), Williams Ave. S. (at the BNSF Railway Company tracks), and Burnett Ave. S. and S. 4th St. (at the BNSF Railway Company tracks). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

### **Added**

### **Resolution #3928**

Fire: King County Fire District  
#40 Interlocal, Additional  
Employees, 2008 Budget  
Amend

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement for fire and emergency medical services and joint operation of facilities with Fire District #40 by the City of Renton Fire and Emergency Services Department and authorizing the hiring of 31 full time equivalent employees. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/4/2008 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2008 Amendments

An ordinance was read amending the City of Renton annual 2008 Budget as adopted by Ordinance 5325, in the total amount of \$12,169,435. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/4/2008. CARRIED.

Transportation: Truck Route  
Designation, Houser Way  
Bypass & N 8th St & Logan  
Ave N

An ordinance was read amending Section 10-12-26, Truck Routes, of Chapter 12 of Title X (Traffic) of City Code by adding new streets as designated. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/4/2008. CARRIED.

### **Added**

Fire: King County Fire District  
#40 Interlocal, Additional  
Employees, 2008 Budget  
Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget and authorizing 31 additional staff positions as a result of the contract with Fire District #40 to provide fire and emergency services to the district. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/4/2008. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen Comment: Williams -  
Pedestrian Safety, Edmonds  
Ave NE/16th Ave NE

Council President Palmer reported receipt of correspondence from Michele M. Williams (Renton) regarding the safety of children when they walk to and from McKnight Middle School, particularly the intersection of Edmonds Ave. NE and 16th Ave. NE. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Councilmember Persson noted that this is one of the areas planned for the traffic enforcement cameras for red light and speeding enforcement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.  
CARRIED. Time: 8:29 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
January 28, 2008